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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/758,112	BOUBEZ ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Lalita M. Hamilton	3624	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 September 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### Summary

On June 28, 2005, an Office Action was mailed to the Applicant rejecting claims 1-31. On September 22, 2005, the Applicant responded with arguments.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Poon (US 2002/0062265), as set forth in the previous Office Action.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed September 22, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Argument: The Applicant argues that there are no paragraphs 49-50 and that the referenced paragraphs are describe only hundreds of categories and subcategories.

Response: The Examiner clearly cited p.49-50, 26-32, meaning p.49-50, paragraphs 26-32. These paragraphs are clearly present on the cited pages. If clarification was needed, then the Examiner could have been contacted.

Argument: Poon fails to teach receiving registration request including a service description and an identification of a category within the taxonomy in which the service is to be registered.

Response: Poon, the registration request including a service description and an identification of a category within the taxonomy in which the service is to be registered (p.50, 29).

Argument: Poon does not register the service description in the identified category using the data processing system if a result of applying the one or more canonical service description tests is that the service description should be registered in the identified category.

Response: Poon discloses registering the service description in the identified category using the data processing system if a result of applying the one or more canonical service description tests is that the service description should be registered in the identified category (p.50, 29—a test of whether the subcategory has related subcategories is performed, and if it does not exist, the user has the option to register the subcategory).

Argument: Poon does not disclose one or more canonical service description tests identify a minimum criteria for the category.

Response: Poon discloses one or more canonical service description tests identify a minimum criteria for the category (p.50, 29--- a test of whether the subcategory has related subcategories is performed, and if it does not exist, the user has the option to register the subcategory).

Argument: Poon does not disclose storing the service description and the associated model description in a storage in association with the category.

Response: Poon discloses storing the service description and the associated model description in a storage in association with the category (p.50, 29).

Argument: Poon does not disclose receiving a request to add a new category, adding a new category, or registering the service description in the alternate category.

Response: Poon discloses receiving a request to add a new category, adding a new category, or registering the service description in the alternate category (p.50, 29—category added if does not exist).

Argument: Poon does not disclose a canonical service description that identifies minimum requirements of the category using security requirements, privacy requirements, and communication protocol requirements.

Response: Poon discloses disclose a canonical service description that identifies minimum requirements of the category using security requirements, privacy requirements, and communication protocol requirements (p.50, 29— inherent that the system will utilize security requirements, privacy requirements and communication protocol to protect the user).

Argument: Poon does not disclose searching the taxonomy for an alternate category if it is determined that the service description should not be registered with the identified category.

Response: Poon discloses searching the taxonomy for an alternate category if it is determined that the service description should not be registered with the identified

category (p.50, 28-29—searches categories, subcategories, and the subcategories of the subcategories).

***Conclusion***

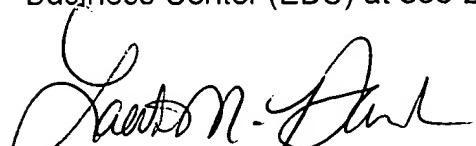
**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lalita M. Hamilton whose telephone number is (571) 272-6743. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday (8:30-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. M. H." followed by a stylized surname.